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For: **"EXTRUDABLE HIGHLY CRYSTALLINE THERMOPLASTIC POLYURETHANES"**

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Sir:

This invention relates to a thermoplastic polyurethane composition having a high crystalline content which advantageously can be processed in an extruder. The composition includes a crystallization retarding component of a short chain or monomeric diol which is branched, substituted or contains heteroatoms, or a combination thereof. The crystallization retarding component delays the onset of crystallization during extrusion processing until the composition has exited the extruder.

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